

REMARKS

The applicants have studied the Office Action dated December 30, 2003. Claims 1, 7, 9, 15, 17 and 23 have been amended, and claims 4, 5, 6, 12, 13, 14, 20, 21 and 22 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. It is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 9-13, and 17-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Huen et al. (U.S. 5,686,813). Claims 6, 7, 14, 15, 22 and 23 have been objected to as being dependent on rejected claims, but were indicated to be allowable in independent form.

The limitations of claims 6, 14 and 22 have been added to claims 1, 9 and 17, respectively. Thus, claims 1-24 now distinguish over the art of record.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-4, 9-13, and 17-21 should be withdrawn

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application and all of the claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

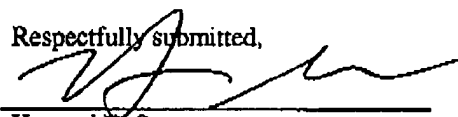
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